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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

X  If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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* not less than 20 ** not less than 3							TOTAL \$ 0

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#### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.